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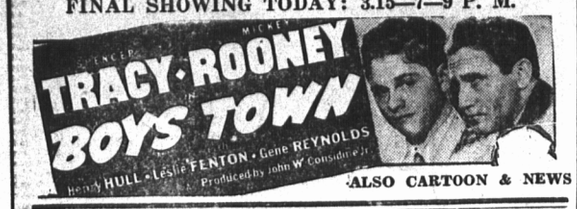

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ANGLO-FRENCH MOVES CHANGE NAZI ATTITUDE

Strengthening Of Democracies Causes Apprehension In High Berlin Circles.

(By Louis P. Lochner, Associated Press Foreign Staff)

BERLIN, April 11—Chancellor Hitler was represented by an informed Nazi source tonight as being convinced that Great Britain and France might decide this year is the best for challenging expanding Germany and Italy.

This conviction was said to be based on the Anglo-French guarantees of Poland's independence and reports that Britain was planning a similar promise to Greece and other southeastern countries.

The informant asserted that almost overnight Germans have come to believe that their problem has become one of staving off a possible day of reckoning.

Hitler was reliably reported to have told various visitors during the weekend how happy he was over the Italian occupation of Albania because thereby he considered the danger of an immediate conflict over Tunisia was averted. (Tunisia, a French protectorate in North Africa, is one object of an Italian campaign for territory and concessions from France.

Will Bide Time

The informant expressed a firm belief that in the coming months Hitler would do nothing that might provoke active armed intervention by Britain and France, but said that apprehension prevailed in high Berlin circles lest the French and British strike.

It was observed here, with some uneasiness, that Premier Daladier of France has been "ominously quiet."

A change has become noticeable in the Nazi propaganda policy, which hitherto has been emphasizing the strength of Germany's possible enemies.

The imperturbable srtength of the Rome-Berlin Axis now is stressed in a wide campaign to represent the Axis powers as the only elements of stability in Europe.

Until recently, said a man who has good connections with Hitler and Field Marshal Goering, the accepted theory had been that the longer war could be postponed the more certain Britain and France would be to catch up in armaments and the more precarious would become the position of Germany and Italy.

With the ecenomic penetration of the Balkans, however, the position is regarded by Hitler and his advisers as reversed, this informant said.

Some Nazis believe that Germany could hold out indefinitely in case of war if she has two years more in which to exploit Rumania's oil, mineral and agricultural resources under a new German-Rumanian trade pact.

In Memoriam

BOYD DRUMMOND HASLAM

In the passing of Boyd Drummond, little son of Mr. and Mrs. William Haslam, Springfield, on March 31st, 1939, brought sorrow to many hearts.

He was a bright, beautiful child, nearly eight months old when the Heavenly Father called him home almost in the midst of play, to be with Him in the mansions above.

He is sadly missed by his heartbroken parents and two sisters, Ardyce and Joyce, also his grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Bertram Haslam and Mr. Wallace Drummond.

Deep in the heart is a picture, more precious than silver or gold. 'Tis the form of a darling baby, whose memory will never grow old.

The funeral was held from the home Saturday, April 1st, at two o'clock, with the Rev. Edward Milley officiating, who brought a very comforting message to the bereaved.

Hymns sung were "When He Cometh" and "When Mothers of Salam."

The service at the graveside was conducted by Rev. Mr. Milley and Mr. G. L. Haslam (lay reader) where the remains of the dear little one was tenderly laid to rest in the Springfield Cemetery by Messrs. Arthur and Irving Haslam, Wilbert Drummond and Nelson Matheson.

Announces Loans Under The H. I. P.

OTTAWA, April 11 —(CP)— Finance Minister Dunning announced today loans approved under the Home Improvement Plan in March totalled 1,230 with a value of $516,296 Loans approved from Nov. 1, 1936, the date the plan became effective, to March 31 were 64,746 with a value of $25,856,602.

Loans and amounts by provinces from Nov. 1, 1936, to March 31; Prince Edward Island 630 loans at $164,735; Nova Scotia 5,017—$1,518,846; New Brunswick 2,484—$829,248; Quebec 9,841—$4,988,548; Ontario 29,937—$12,207,264; Manitoba, 3,925—$1,506,499; Saskatchewan 1,313—$448,449; Alberta 4,849—$2,086,890; and British Columbia 6,750—$2,106,118.

FRONTIER COLLEGE REPORTS PROGRESS

TORONTO, April 11—(CP)—Steady advance in the work of laborer-teachers among migratory men was shown at the annual meeting of the Frontier College. Nearly 3,000 camp workers across Canada enrolled for study, and 8,000 throughout the Dominion "listened-in" to talks dealing with practical subjects pertaining to Canadian problems. More than 100,000 magazines and books were provided for men in camps and hamlets on the hinterland.

The principal, Dr. E. W. Bradwin, announced that A. B. Purvis, Montreal, had become a member of the Frontier College Board, filling a vacancy caused by the death of D. B. Hanna, Toronto, long a sponsor of the work of laborer-teachers.

Calling All Dog-Lovers

In the brief article in discussion of The Dog Act, published in the last issue of this paper, we pointed out that this statute requires all dogs to be muzzled when outside limits of its owner's property and unaccompanied by the owner or other person. We drew your attention to that provision of the act which permits the destruction, BY ANY PERSON AND IN ANY FASHION, of any dog found so unmuzzled and so unaccompanied.

Now we contend that it is dangerous proceeding and a dangerous precedent to give such broad licence to such unrestricted destruction of dogs. We contend that it tends to encourage violation of property rights.

Some may say that there is no property right in a dog. We dispute this if you import a pure bred dog, the Dominion of Canada can and does charge you an import duty on him based on his valuation. Such duties are commonly not assessed on property. For example, the poll tax. But the payment of taxes, of whatever kind, in democratic countries implies some rights.

If we look to Blackstone, that revered name among law students, we find that he originated a dual doctrine that dogs are property in the civil court but not in the criminal court. The exact text, from his famous Commentaries follows:

"As to those animals which do not serve for food, and which therefore the law holds to have no intrinsic value, as dogs of all sorts, and other creatures kept for whim and pleasure, though a man may have a base property therein and maintain a civil action for the loss of them, yet they are not of such estimation as that the crime of stealing them amounts to larceny. But by the statute 10 George III c. 18 very high pecuniary penalties or a long imprisonment and whipping in their stead may be inflicted by two justices of the peace on such as steal, or knowingly harbor a stolen dog, or have in their custody the skin of a dog that has been stolen."

Moreover, we have now a condition that did not exist in Blackstone's day, the breeding of pure bred dogs, in which is invested millions of dollars in England, in the United States, in Canada, and throughout the civilized world. An authority says that fifty million dollars are invested alone in the plants and factories for the production of food, remedies and supplies for man's best friend.

So, while it may appear to be a matter of relatively small importance that a single citizen's property rights in his dog are endangered by the statute, it becomes of more consequence when viewed in relation to the actual investments affecting these animals on the whole.

Even though we may concede that the full property right in a dog has not been clearly established, we conceive it to be our duty to protect what property right exists. For if a statute can so lightly void a minor property right by depriving the owner of a valuable dog from any redress as does the Dog Act in section 5, we have reasons to fear for more important property rights.

We, therefore, steadfastly maintain that before any citizen is deprived of his dog on which he has paid his dog tax, he should be permitted to hear before the courts on what grounds such action is proposed and to offer any defence that may exist. That if the defence is not adequate so that the destruction of the dog seems necessary, that destruction should be accomplished in a humane and legal manner, and not by any chance owner or in any chance fashion, involving possibilities of excruciating cruelty to the animal as well as actual danger to others.

H. W. MCLEAN,
S. P. C. A. Officer.

KINKORA PARISH STUDY CLUB

The second monthly meeting of the Associated Study Clubs of Kinkora parish was held in the parish hall on March 23rd.

Despite the inclement weather a large crowd was in attendance.

The visiting speakers for the evening were Mr. Borden Fraser, Kensington, leader of the study clubs of the province, and Mr. John O'Connor, treasurer of the Hope River Credit Union Ltd.

In the absence of the regular chairman, Mr. John M. Mulligan was appointed to take charge of the meeting.

Following the reading of the minutes by the secretary, all the district study group leaders gave an account of their activities during the month.

Mr. George P. Trainor gave the report from Shamrock; Miss Laurena Shreenan from Kinkora East; Mr. Leonard Murphy from Maple Plains; Mr. Edwin McCarville from Kinkora West; and Mr. Frank McAvinn from Middleton. The reports for the most part showed that the number already studying and taking an active interest in the Adult Education movement is steadily increasing.

The first speaker called upon was Mr. O'Connor, who gave a very comprehensive review of the Credit Union movement from its inception almost a century ago until the present time. An officer of an already flourishing Credit Union, Mr. O'Connor was able to give numerous examples of the benefits to be derived from an organization of this kind in any community. He stated that during the years of depression where other organizations had failed, Credit Unions had everywhere succeeded and increased in numbers.

The next speaker called upon was Mr. Fraser. In the course of his very interesting speech Mr. Fraser outlined the progress made by the different Credit Unions in the province during the past few years.

Having had actual experience as an officer in several Credit Unions during their formation, Mr. Fraser fully understands the difficulties to be encountered and the pitfalls to be avoided in forming such an organization. He stressed in particular the danger of rushing into the undertaking before the people have a thorough knowledge not only of the rules and regulations but also of the aims and objects behind the Credit Union movement. The members must reach the stage in their education where they can visualize above and beyond the personal benefits to be derived by means of dividend and interest, and recognize the movement as the first step in a program devised to give the common people sufficient business control to guarantee them an effective voice in the shaping of their destiny. Mr. Fraser also gave many concrete examples of mutual help and service rendered to needy people through the medium of Credit Unions in different sections of the province.

A discussion period was then declared during which both speakers were called upon to explain problems and difficulties brought up by the audience.

Before the meeting adjourned a hearty vote of thanks moved by Mr. George P. Trainor and seconded by Mr. Mark Roberts was presented to the speakers by the chairman.

Moose River Mine Episode Is Recalled

MOOSE RIVER, N. S., April 11—(CP)—Villagers of this sleepy Halifax County hamlet looked back three years tonight to the stirring April days when three men were entombed in the cave-in of a gold mine shaft.

Engraved on a stone cairn is the story of how Dr. D. E. Robertson, Alfred Scadding and Herman McGill, all of Toronto, were trapped in the underground passages of the mine. But even more indelibly is the story of the rescue of Dr. Robertson and Scadding and the death of Magill engraved on the minds of the villagers.

Easter Sunday, 1936—three years ago tomorrow—saw their village spring into fame when it was learned three men were buried underground. For 10 days after the rescue workers dug, drills bored into the rock and blasts shook the earth.

Then on the night of April 22 rescuers broke through the last rock barrier between themselves and the entombed men. Dr. Robertson walked painfully to the surface. Miners assisted the exhausted Scadding and carried up the body of Magill.

Moose River then became a place of memories—and a mecca for souvenir-hunting tourists. Dr. Robertson himself followed the ranks of the curious last year to gather souvenirs of the spot he helped make famous.

Now even the tourists are forgetting. "It isn't like it used to be," reflected Matthew Higgins, who keeps the general store here. A mile away from the borings made famous as the shaft of life and the shaft of death, miners are digging again. But this time they are digging for gold as Moose River returns to the obscurity of a mining village.

PLEASANT VALLEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The motto "For Home and Country" is being well carried out by the Pleasant Valley Women's Institute.

This branch which was organized on Nov. 1, 1923, has since then done much for the improvement of the school and has helped out such worthy institutions as the Protestant Orphanage and the Provincial Sanitorium.

This winter the members have undertaken a special project in visiting the shut-ins and older people of the district and remembering them with fruit. In February the Institute and their friends visited Mrs. Elizabeth Gamster on the occasion of her birthday. A very pleasant evening was spent in music and singing.

Mr. Alex MacDonald was appointed chairman. An address was read by Mrs. Harold Sharpe and the presentation made by Mrs. John B. MacDowell. Mrs. Gamster thanked the Institute for their kindness, after which speeches were made by several present.

On Valentine night, a social evening was held at the home of Mr. Andrew Stevenson. This being Mrs. Deborah Stevenson's birthday a presentation was made her on behalf of the Women's Institute by Mrs. Thomas Wigmore. Mr. Andrew Stevenson was appointed chairman and the following enjoyable program was carried out: Chorus: Island Hymn; reading, Mrs. Wm. Kells; instrumental music, Miss Howatt and Mrs. Sharpe; duet Jennie Weeks and Elizabeth MacKay; piano solo, Miss Howatt; reading, Mrs. James E. Somers; instrumental music, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Sharpe; reading, Mrs. Wigmore; trio, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Weeks and Miss Howatt; instrumental music, Mr. Erne MacInnis and Mrs. Harold Sharpe; reading, Eletha Somers; closing chorus: "Comin' Thro the Rye".

Lunch was served and a nice sum realized for the Institute.

On March 30, they met at the home of Mr. James MacSwain to celebrate the birthday of Mrs. Eliza MacInnis who has ever been ready to help in the Institute work, especially in the making of quilts for the Orphanage. Mr. Hugh F. MacKay was appointed chairman. The address was read by Mrs. Hugh F. MacKay and the presentation made by Mrs. Thomas Wigmore. An enjoyable evening was spent in singing, reading and instrumental music.

The Institute also sent a basket of fruit to Mrs. Permenus Smith who has recently been ill.

Again on April 5th, the Institute and neighbors met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hannibal Murray, who for the past few years have been confined to their homes with ill health.

Mr. Andrew Stevenson was appointed chairman; Mr. Hugh F. MacKay read the address, and the presentation was made by Mrs. Thomas Wigmore and Mrs. Harry Weeks.

Mr. Murray fittingly replied and thanked all on behalf of Mrs. Murray and himself. Speeches were made by several, after which all joined in singing "Abide With Me". A solo, "We Are Growing Old Together" by Mr. Leslie Weeks was much enjoyed.

After lunch was served all joined in singing "God Be With You Till We Meet Again."

Hungary Resigns From The League

BUDAPEST, April 11—(AP)—Hungary resigned from the League of Nations today with a gesture indicating her loyalty to the Rome-Berlin Axis.

The Hungarian Foreign Minister Count Stephen Osaky, formally announced Hungary's retirement in a letter to the League Secretary-General, Joseph Avenol. The decision caused no surprise, but it was regarded as significant that it came at a moment of extraordinary international tension.

One question seemed clarified. Hungary appeared to be lined up definitely with the totalitarian axis.

"Hungary's withdrawal from the League," said a foreign office spokesman, "might be described as a natural consequence of Hungary's joining the anti-Communist pact. Having taken one step, it is inevitable in the present situation that the next logical step had to be taken."

The Foreign Office declined to make further comment, and insisted the "facts speak for themselves."

Substitute For Blood Discovered

MEMPHIS, Tenn., April 11—(AP)—Successful use of an abdominal fluid as a substitute for blood in transfusions was reported today by Dr. H. A. Davis, a member of the University of Tennessee medical faculty.

Dr. Davis said the liquid is ascitic fluid and is chemically the same as blood except that it lacks the cellular or corpuscular structure.

He said this lack of the cellular structure made it impractical for transfusions cases where the corpuscles and protein content of normal blood were needed but declared the fluid was entirely satisfactory in treating cases of shock due to loss of blood.

In such cases, he said, "what you want to do is to restore to the patient the fluid volume and this accomplishes that purpose."

Dr. Davis said ascitic fluid had one great advantage over blood for transfusions in that it could be obtained "without cost" by hospitals since it often was drawn from the abdomens of patients suffering from certain types of heart disease and cirrhosis of the liver.

Another advantage, Dr. Davis said, was that ascitic fluid could be safely refrigerated for as long as five months, compared with a maximum of only 10 days to two weeks for blood.

KINGSTON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The April meeting of Kingston Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. M. MacSwain with eight members and two visitors. Meeting opened by singing the Ode and repeating the Creed in unison. Roll call was answered by naming a garden flower; roll call to be answered next meeting with exchange of seeds or bulbs.

The minutes of previous meeting were read and adopted. Two old members were welcomed back. The paper on legislation was filled in by Dorothy Auld. A paper: What Do Canadian Women Lack?, by Mrs. Albert Clow and Mabel Auld. It was decided to have grab bag for next meeting. $3 was voted to be sent to the Red Cross Society for handicapped children.

A bill of 45 cents was paid. 34 cents was received for canning. Collection 51 cents.

Two contests were then put on by Mrs. Edgar Newson and Mary Clow, won by Mrs. James Beer, Vera Livingston, Dorothy Auld.

Next place of meeting undecided. Meeting closed by singing Darling Nellie Gray, after which a delicious lunch was served and a social time spent. Music was furnished by Vera Livingston and Golden Graves.

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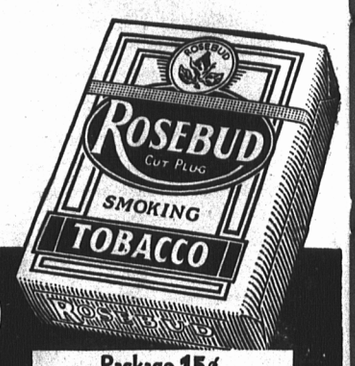

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LONG CREEK WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The March meeting of the Long Creek W. I. met at the home of Mrs. Dan MacEwen on Wednesday evening March 1st with seven members and one visitor present. The meeting opened by singing the Ode and repeating the Creed, roll call was answered with present. The minutes of the last meeting were read, approved and signed. The School Committee reported a water pail needed. It was moved and seconded that same be bought. The School, Sick and Buying Committees were re-appointed for one month. The Secretary reported having received the Government grant. A letter of appreciation was read from Mr. and Mrs. Donald MacEachern and family for the Letter of Sympathy they received The next meeting to be held in the School, 'roll call to be answered with a Canadian Historical Event and Date. A vote of thanks was tendered Mrs. Dan McEwen for the use of her house for the meeting.

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